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MINNESOTA'S JANUARY MILK OUTPUT UP 3.5 PERCENT

January 2007 milk production totaled 739 million pounds in Minnesota, up 3.5 percent from the 714 million pounds produced in January 2006, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. December milk output at 717 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,625 pounds in January 2007, up 20 pounds from last January. The December rate at 1,575 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during January 2007 was 455,000 head, the same as December, and up 10,000 from a year ago.

JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION UP 1.4 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during January 2007 totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from January 2006 in the 23 major states. Revised December production for the 23 states was 14.0 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,719 pounds during January 2007, up 8 pounds from January 2006. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during January averaged 8.28 million head, up 81,000 head from a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Jan 2006	Dec 2006 Rev.	Jan 2007	Jan 2006	Dec 2006 Rev.	Jan 2007	Jan 2006	Dec 2006 Rev.	Jan 2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,776	1,787	1,791	1,825	1,845	1,880	3,241	3,297	3,367	103.9
ID	473	500	501	1,830	1,820	1,830	866	910	917	105.9
MN	445	455	455	1,605	1,575	1,625	714	717	739	103.5
NY	647	628	628	1,595	1,560	1,610	1,032	982	1,011	98.0
PA	557	549	549	1,650	1,620	1,640	919	889	900	97.9
WI	1,240	1,245	1,245	1,585	1,590	1,620	1,965	1,980	2,017	102.6
23 States	8,198	8,276	8,279	1,711	1,690	1,719	14,027	13,983	14,228	101.4

MINNESOTA'S 2007 MILK PRODUCTION RISES 2.1 PERCENT; MILK PER COW RECORD HIGH

Minnesota's dairy cows produced a record annual average of 18,587 pounds per cow in the year 2006, 496 pounds more than the 18,091 pounds per cow in 2005. The 2006 estimate of milk production is now set at 8,364 million pounds. This was a rise of 2.1 percent from the 2005 total of 8,195 million pounds.